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TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL (SB) 550, SENATE DRAFT (SD) 1, PROPOSED HOUSE DRAFT (HD) 1
RELATING TO HEALTH

By
Nolan P. Espinda, Director
Department of Public Safety

House Committee on Health
Representative Della Au Belatti, Chair
Representative Richard P. Creagan, Vice Chair

Wednesday, March 25, 2015, 8:30 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 329

Chair Belatti, Vice Chair Creagan, and Members of the Committee:

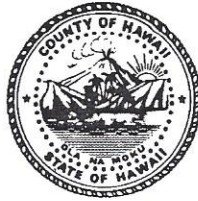
Department of Public Safety (PSD) **supports** Senate Bill (SB) 550, Senate Draft (SD) 1, Proposed House Draft (HD) 1, which proposes to prohibit the consumption, purchase, possession, or sale of powdered alcohol, except for specific purposes as defined in the bill. PSD recommends that we learn from other states that have legislation that banned powdered alcohol, at least until the United States' Food and Drug Administration approves and regulates the product. The fear of law enforcement is the possibility that this unregulated product could be used/abused by individuals inappropriately or get into the hands of our youth. Powdered alcohol like many other substances could be added to food, candy, and other food products, in order to make these products intoxicating. A certain brand of powdered alcohol sells products such as premium vodka and Puerto Rican rum sold in white powder form. Each packet contains the equivalent of five ounces of alcohol, which according to the manufacturer when mixed with liquid, is equal to a standard mixed drink. A dvertised powdered alcohol flavors include the following: Cosmopolitan, Mojito, Powderita and Lemon Drop.

Although the manufacturers of these types of powdered alcohol products insist that individuals would not snort this product because it would burn, law enforcement has seen individuals do just that with vaporized alcohol. Powdered alcohol, like other drugs, could be placed into gel capsules or ingested directly from the package in its powdered form. These

products already come manufactured with flavor and can be taken orally, directly from the package in the powdered form, which would make it difficult to identify or detect powdered alcohol smuggled into schools, dances or areas where alcohol is prohibited.

For these reasons, PSD supports the passage of SB 550, SD1, Proposed HD1. Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this important bill.

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HAWAI'I COUNTY COUNCIL
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March 23, 2015

The Honorable Della Au Belatti, Chair
and Members of the House Committee on Health

Dear Chair Belatti, Vice Chair Creagan and Joint Committee Members,

I am writing to you in support of Senate Bill No. 550 SD1, which would prohibit the possession or consumption of tobacco products, including electronic smoking devices, by any person under eighteen years of age in public places.

The term Keiki surfaces amongst everything we do. Reason being, Hawai'i's Keiki is the future. What happens to our Keiki in their years of life affects their development and the development of our communities.

However, Hawai'i currently has no law regulating minors for possessing and using tobacco products. Together, we have made substantial progress in prohibiting the sale of tobacco products to minors. But I believe we need to focus more of our efforts on regulating the possession and the use.

By prohibiting the possession or consumption of a tobacco product by a minor in public places is a great start to unifying the overall initiative of keeping Hawai'i's keiki, tobacco-free.

Thank you for your consideration and for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of this measure.

Sincerely,

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Dennis "Fresh" Onishi
Hawai'i County Council Member

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March 25, 2015

The Honorable Della Au Belatti, Chair
and Members
Committee on Health
House of Representatives
Hawaii State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Au Bellatti and Members:

SUBJECT: Senate Bill No. 550, S.D. 1, Relating to Health


I am Raymond Ancheta, Major of the Community Affairs Division, Honolulu Police Department (HPD), City and County of Honolulu.

The HPD supports Senate Bill No. 550, S.D. 1, Relating to Health. This bill includes electronic smoking devices in the definition of tobacco products. Preventing minors' access to tobacco products will hopefully allow them to make the informed decision to stay away from tobacco products and the dreadful illnesses they cause.

The HPD urges you to support Senate Bill No. 550, S.D. 1, Relating to Health.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of this bill.

Sincerely,


Raymond Ancheta, Major
Community Affairs Division

APPROVED:


Louis M. Kealoha
Chief of Police

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March 23, 2015

Representative Della Au Belatti, Chair
Representative Richard P. Creagan, Vice Chair
Committee on Health

Hearing: Wednesday, March 25, 2015
8:30 a.m.; Room 329

Position: Support Intent of SB 550 SD1 Proposed HD1, Relating to Health

Dear Chair Au Belatti, Vice Chair Creagan, and Members:

The Liquor Commission, City and County of Honolulu (Liquor Commission), supports the intent of Senate Bill 550 SD1 Proposed HD1, Relating to Health. Section 2 of the proposed measure will amend Chapter 281, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), to prohibit the consumption, possession, sale, offer for sale, or distribution of powdered alcohol, subject to certain types of commercial use or bona fide research purposes. Because the introduction of this product into retail commerce is a recent phenomenon, a prohibition would be prudent so that the appropriate authorities could evaluate the following concerns:

1. Whether characteristics of powdered alcohol (dry formulation, packaging, etc.) would enable or increase the risk of underage access and consumption.
2. Whether characteristics of powdered alcohol make the product easy to conceal or smuggle into venues where alcohol consumption is inappropriate or illegal.
3. Whether characteristics of powdered alcohol make it susceptible to consumer misuse (overservice, "snorting", etc.).
4. Whether under current law, the product in non-liquid form can be appropriately taxed under Chapter 244D, HRS (Liquor Tax Law, also commonly referred to as the gallonage tax).
5. Whether under current law, the product in non-liquid form falls within the definition of "liquor" or "intoxicating liquor" in Chapter 281, HRS, thereby making

the manufacture, importation, or sale of the product in non-liquid form subject to the jurisdiction of the Hawaii county liquor commissions.

The Liquor Commission supports the intent of Senate Bill 550 SD1 Proposed HD1, Relating to Health, and appreciates the opportunity to provide comments.

Respectfully submitted,

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FRANKLIN DON PACARRO, JR.
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March 24, 2014

Representative Della Au Belatti, Chair
Representative Richard P. Creagan, Vice Chair
Committee on Health

Hearing: Wednesday, March 25, 2015
8:30 a.m.; Room 329

Position: Support SB 550 SD 1 Proposed HD 1, Relating to the Health

Dear Chair Belatti, Vice Chair Creagan and Members:


The Department of Liquor Control, County of Kauai, supports the intent of Senate Bill 550 SD 1 Proposed HD 1 relating to the Health.

Powdered alcohol, as it is being advertised will be available in pouches that are easily concealable and its flavors will make it difficult for law enforcement officers to detect. Its maker has been seen on television promoting its product with no consideration for public health & safety and only profit.

The Department of Liquor Control, County of Kauai urges you to support SB 550 SD 1 Proposed HD 1 Relating to Health.

Thank-you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.

Respectfully Submitted,


GERALD T. RAPOZO
Director



Testimony OPPOSING SB 550, SD1; “Relating To Health”

The American Heart Association **OPPOSES** SB 550, SD1, “Relating To Health.” The American Heart Association takes no position on the proposed HD1 amendment to the bill.

Until comprehensive efforts to address the marketing of tobacco products to minors are exhausted, the AHA feels it would be inappropriate to hold youth responsible for behavior encouraged by tobacco marketers’ advertising. The industry spends almost \$27 million in Hawaii annually to recruit new tobacco users, most of them less than 18 years of age.

Evidence indicates that the industry pays retailers exorbitant product placement fees to insure that their products are located where they will become easily recognizable by youths, often next to candy or other sweet items that attract children’s attention. The industry knows that it needs to imprint its brand on minors today to insure that they will eventually become addicted adult tobacco users.

Rather than focus efforts on punishing the victims of tobacco, we need to focus on the victimizers.

By shifting the focus to youth possession of tobacco products, you would be diverting the focus from the root cause of the problem—tobacco industry marketing tactics—and onto children who succumb to the industry’s subliminal advertising messages. You would also be feeding the industry’s advertising and marketing strategy to make tobacco appear to be an adult “privilege” and portray smoking as “cool” to those youths reaching for a “forbidden fruit.” The end effect would help the tobacco industry to lure those children most vulnerable to their marketing messages and those most likely to rebel.

Other states’ that have attempted to address youth tobacco addiction by using laws similar to that proposed by SB 550 have shown no positive effect, and may have actually hurt proven, effective methods outlined under the CDC’s “Best Practices.” The tobacco industry’s own documents show that the strategy outlined in SB 550 was developed by the manufacturers.

Now is not the time to divert from the strategies that have been proven effective at encouraging children to avoid the trappings of tobacco addiction. Those strategies include:

- adequately funding of community tobacco prevention, education and cessation programs to at least the CDC’s recommended minimum for Hawaii, \$13.7 million annually;
- Increasing the unit price of tobacco products;
- Conducting mass media education campaigns when combined with other community interventions;

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- Mobilizing the community to restrict minors' access to tobacco products when combined with additional interventions (stronger local laws directed at retailers, active enforcement of retailer sales laws, retailer education with reinforcement)
- Implementing school-based interventions in combination with mass media campaigns and additional community efforts.

Please vote **NO** on SB 550, SD1.

Respectfully submitted by, ~

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Donald B. Weisman
Hawaii Government Relations Director

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To: The Honorable Della Au Belatti, Chair
The Honorable Richard P. Creagan, Vice Chair
Members, House Committee on Health

From: Lyndsey Garcia, Policy & Advocacy Director

Date: March 23, 2015

Hrg: House Committee on Health; Wednesday, March 25, 2015 at 8:30AM in Room 329

Re: **Opposition for SB 550, SD1, Relating to Health**

Thank you for the opportunity to offer testimony in opposition of Senate Bill 550, SD1, which prohibits possession or consumption of tobacco products, including electronic smoking devices, by any person under eighteen years of age in public places.

The Coalition for a Tobacco Free Hawai'i (Coalition) is a program of the Hawai'i Public Health Institute working to reduce tobacco use through education, policy and advocacy. Our program consists of over 100 member organizations and 2,000 advocates that work to create a healthy Hawai'i through comprehensive tobacco prevention and control efforts.

The Coalition opposes making youth use and possession of tobacco products, including electronic cigarettes unlawful.

Evidence does not support legislation making youth use and possession of tobacco products unlawful leads to reductions in youth tobacco use. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention outline a number of proven strategies to prevent youth tobacco use, none of which include criminalizing youth for possession or using tobacco products. Efforts include: anti-tobacco policies and programs in schools; increased restriction and enforcement of restrictions on tobacco sales to minors; reduced tobacco industry influences; decreased access to tobacco products; and increased price of tobacco products.¹

The Coalition recommends consideration of other measures to decrease youth use of tobacco products.

Other options to deter and decrease tobacco youth initiation and continued use includes continued funding for tobacco prevention programs and counter-marketing campaigns; increasing the taxes on tobacco products and creating parity between the taxes on other tobacco products and electronic smoking devices with cigarettes; and raising the minimum age to purchase tobacco products, including electronic smoking devices, purchase to twenty-one.

¹ See Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, KEY OUTCOME INDICATORS FOR EVALUATING COMPREHENSIVE TOBACCO CONTROL PROGRAMS ("Preventing Initiation of Tobacco Use Among Young People" logical model chart and explanations pp. 19-23). May 2005.



The tobacco industry still market to youth and spend approximately \$23 million per day on marketing tobacco products.² As Dr. Robert Jackler from SRITA (Stanford Research into the Impact of Tobacco Advertising) stated in a lecture on tobacco advertisements in 2012, “Society in general tends to think of victims of smoking as victims of their own bad personal choices... It isn’t a matter of personal choice, it’s really a matter of manipulation on the part of an industry that puts pursuit of profits above any consideration of the well-being of its customers.”³ The Coalition does not want to see youth criminalized for falling victim to a billion dollar industry.

This measure is not a proven method of ensuring that our children never use tobacco and we respectfully ask that you hold this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.

Respectfully,

Lyndsey Garcia
Policy and Advocacy Director

² Centers for Disease Control, Smoking and Tobacco Use, Tobacco Industry Marketing. Available at: http://www.cdc.gov/tobacco/data_statistics/fact_sheets/tobacco_industry/marketing/

³ SRITA: Lecture by Dr. Robert Jackler. 2012 April 3. Available at, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AnlydeHA3Lk>.
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**The Coalition for a Tobacco-Free Hawai'i is a program of the Hawai'i Public Health Institute*

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March 23, 2015

To: Representative Della Au Belatti, Chair
And members of the Committee on Health

TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO SB 550 SD1 RELATING TO HEALTH

Hawaii Youth Services Network (HYSN), a statewide coalition of youth-serving organizations, opposes SB 550 SD1 Relating to Health.

HYSN strongly supports evidence-based approaches to preventing tobacco use and helping users to quit, but believes that a criminal offense for possession or use of tobacco by minors is an inappropriate and ineffective way to address the problem.

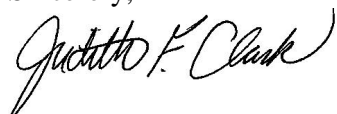
Minors who are convicted of the offence of possession of tobacco products would acquire criminal records that could prevent them from entering college, serving in the military, or practicing their chosen profession.

Making an activity a criminal offense is rarely effective in preventing initiation of use of substances or deterring persons who are already addicted from continued usage.

Hawaii has greatly reduced the number of young people who initiate tobacco use through effective education and prevention programs. For those who are already addicted, support and treatment at low or no cost is the most effective way to help people stop use of tobacco products.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,



Judith F. Clark, MPH
Executive Director

Emancipation should not be a method used to resolve intrafamilial disputing or conflict.

HYSN encourages legislature to appoint a task force to thoroughly examine the emancipation of minors in Hawaii and provide recommendations on the emancipation process for minors with safeguards to ensure the success of emancipated youth.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

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Judith F. Clark, MPH
Executive Director

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SB550

Submitted on: 3/23/2015

Testimony for HLT on Mar 25, 2015 08:30AM in Conference Room 329

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Devin Wolery	PC Gamerz	Oppose	Yes

Comments: SB 550 HD1 Proposed. I oppose portions of this bill. Electronic smoking devices should be labeled as what they are. NOT as tobacco products. Labeling it as a tobacco product would force the same tax that tobacco products currently have. This labeling would put many shops out of business and force consumers to other markets. I have no issues with making it illegal for minors to possess actual tobacco products or electronic smoking devices. The vaping industry does not want them to have them anyways. My main concern is the definition that will destroy the local industry. Thank you for your time

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To:

The Honorable, Della Au Belatti, Chair

The Honorable, Richard P. Creagan, Vice Chair

Members of the Senate Committee on Health

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of SB 550 which urges Hawai'i State to prohibit minors the possession and consumption of tobacco products and electronic smoking devices.

I am a senior at Moanalua High School. I stand strongly in **support SB 550**.

Being a teenager it saddens me to see kids my age and younger using tobacco products and electronic smoking devices. It is legal but hurtful to the health of minors deteriorating from the use of these products.

When electronic smoking devices first got popular in minors, students would bring and use the devices in school and during class. School administration soon created rules against bringing and using electronic smoking devices in schools. Rules were in place concerning tobacco products in schools prior to the introduction of electronic smoking devices. These school rules do not prevent students from using tobacco products and electronic smoking devices in general. At my particular school campus, after school smoking right off of campus is a problem. It creates a negative image of my school and officials cannot stop this situation. I have heard about similar situations at other schools.

Minors are not allowed to purchase tobacco products to prevent minors from using the products. Bigger measures should be taken to prevent kids from using these harmful products and devices.

I kindly ask you to pass this measure.

Thank you,

Devin Soogrim

March 20 2015

SUPPORT

Senate Committee on Health
Senator Josh Green, Chair
Senator Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair

I am a senior at Moanalua High School. I am actively involved in school to include clubs and student government. I take pride in my school, community, and my future. My goal is to achieve full potential and make my school better than when I first arrived.

Not all students feel the way I do. In particular, over the past four years, there has been a steady increase in the number of students that use various tobacco products. They feel that tobacco use is acceptable behavior since it is not illegal. These students are not bad people. Some of them are my friends. However, it is apparent to me and to other students that too many of these tobacco users will not reach their full potential.

Schools have many rules, such as no smoking on campus. I know of no school in Hawaii that allows students to use tobacco products on campus. The State of Hawaii, however, has no such rules for tobacco use. Students who smoke therefore walk off-campus, within eyesight of other students and administrators, to engage in their addictive habit. Through this action they demonstrate rebellious actions. These attitudes often come back on campus and their rebellious attitudes manifest in classroom antics and disruption; smoking does not just impact the smoker.

Science has definitively concluded that smoking is both addictive and shortens ones life; simply it kills. I cannot think of another product of this kind where the State does not adequately regulate. If our High School students are old enough to consume addictive and deadly tobacco products, then why not lower the age limit for other products such as alcohol and drugs. We all know why – too many Hawaii legislators have their hands in tobacco lobbyist's pockets. I do not know what is more sad, students choosing an addictive life-shortening behavior or adult legislators who care more about money than our State's youth and future.

I ask for the State Legislature to do the right thing and raise the age for tobacco possession and consumption. Our youth and great State of Hawaii will benefit. And, our teenagers addicted to these cancerous causing products will someday thank those who took a stand and made a difference.

A Concerned Student and Citizen

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To: Rep. Della Au Belatti, Chair, Rep. Richard P. Creagan, Vice Chair, and members of the committee

Re: Opposition to SB550

Hearing: HLT, Wednesday, March 25, 2015 8:30 am

I oppose bill SB550. Although the e-cigarette and vaping community generally believes that vaping is for adults, the language that classifies e-cigarettes and vapor products as tobacco products opens the door to severe existing tobacco regulations applying to these products, which would reduce access and increase costs for adults.

Please either remove e-cigarettes and vapor products from this bill, or separate them clearly from tobacco products so that wider tobacco regulation cannot apply.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Alike Spahn Naihe
Kalihi, Honolulu, HI

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Chris Cooper	Individual	Oppose	No

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Thank you for your time and consideration.

P Kuromoto
Honolulu, HI

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Nancy Wilson
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Kathy Kim	Individual	Oppose	No

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Jessica Chang	Individual	Oppose	No

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Anthony Orozco	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: A waste of money and law enforcement resources.

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Michael Zehner	Individual	Oppose	Yes

Comments: This type of bill has already been testified against by certain members of the anti-smoking lobby as not effective. The government doesn't need to be in the job of bullying teens over smoking.

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Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2015 2:16 PM
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Subject: Oppose SB550

To: Rep. Della Au Belatti, Chair, Rep. Richard P. Creagan, Vice Chair, and members of the committee

Re: Opposition to SB550

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Please either remove e-cigarettes and vapor products from this bill, or separate them clearly from tobacco products so that wider tobacco regulation cannot apply.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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Please stop trying to hide E-Cigarettes and E-Juices into every bill you try to pass or get approved. Stop attacking E-Cigarettes and Hawaii's Vaping Community.

If you really want to help Hawaii's People, Who choose to Vape instead of using Tobacco products, Help protect consumers rights to buy Hawaii first, Instead of just going online and ordering all of their Vaping products from another State.

Thank You,

Gerald Honma
Smokeless Hawaii Enterprises

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Gerald Honma
Pearl City

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